

**Notice:**                    **Announcement of Draft State Permit to Discharge to State Waters**

**Permit No.:**                **ST-9147**

**Permittee:**                **Tree Top, Inc.  
Prosser Facility  
PO Box 248  
Selah, WA 98942**

has applied for renewal of State Waste Discharge Permit No. ST-9147 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code, and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended.

Discharge consists of process wastewater with a maximum discharge from the plant of 870,000 gallons per day with up to 150,000 gallons per day sent to the City of Prosser POTW during winter months and the remainder seasonally to a sprayfield from its facility located at 2780 Lee Road, Prosser, Washington. All discharges to be in compliance with the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Standards.

***Tentative Determinations***

The Department proposes to reissue a permit to the above listed applicant to discharge to public waters subject to certain effluent limitations and special permit conditions. These proposed determinations are tentative. A final determination will not be made until all comments received pursuant to this notice have been evaluated.

***Public Comment and Information***

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on January 3, 2004 (within 30 days of the final date of publication of this public notice) if they are to be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding this proposed permit. Send comments to: Washington State Department of Ecology, Central Regional Office, 15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200, Yakima, Washington 98902, Attention: Cindy Huwe.

Publication date of this Notice is December 3, 2003.

If the comments received indicate significant public interest in the proposed permit, or if useful information could be produced thereby, the director may hold a public hearing. Public notice regarding any hearing will be circulated at least 30 days in advance of the hearing.

The application, draft permit and fact sheet, and related documents are available upon request and are also available for inspection and copying weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. To obtain a copy or arrange to view copies at the Central Regional Office, call or write Cindy Huwe at the address above. The draft permit and fact sheet may also be accessed through Ecology's new Public Events Calendar web page at <http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/pubcalendar/calendar.asp>. This site contains public meetings, public notices and other events designed to engage the public in the decision-making process. Scroll through the listed items to find the appropriate public notice and click on the link to access the related draft permit and fact sheet.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. Ecology is an equal opportunity agency. If you have special accommodation needs, contact Cindy Huwe at 509/457-7105 (Voice) or dial 711 or 1-800-833-6388 (TTY).